



ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS CITY OF BREVARD

WALKING TOUR

1. Historic City Hall & Fire Department



This two story yellow brick building with red brick accents was built in 1926 as the fire station for the Town of Brevard with offices upstairs. Previously, the Fire Department had been located beside the courthouse in the middle of what is now North Broad Street.

2. Rice Furniture Building

Constructed in 1928, this two-story yellow brick commercial building was originally the Joines Motor Company. It was the home of Rice Furniture for 50 years from 1968-2018.



The herringbone patterned panel near the top of the front of the building features three cast medallions. There are six additional medallions on the Caldwell Street side of the building.

3. Plummer's Department Store



This three-story brick building was constructed in 1911 by E.F. Moffitt for the McMinn, Shipman & Weilt Company to house businesses on the main level and offices above. The back portion of the 2nd floor is a large auditorium that is two-stories in height. Entertainment consisting of "first class shows" or "first class moving pictures" was offered every night throughout the summer.

4. Patterson's Department Store

The south side of West Main Street between Broad Street and the Times Arcade consists of four two-story brick commercial buildings. The second building, built in 1911, was the home of Patterson's Department Store beginning in 1940.

At the business's peak in the mid-1970s, they occupied about 7,500 square feet spread across both floors of the four buildings. The two middle buildings were refaced with a plain brick front, giving a modern mid-to-late 20th century appearance around 1970. Today, the facades have the look of the 1940s.



5. McMinn Building



Built in 1899 and expanded in 1902 by C.C. Kilpatrick, the McMinn Building was the first brick commercial building in downtown Brevard. In a letter dated March 20, 1898, Nathan McMinn wrote to his son, John, "I think I will put a good brick (building) on the corner this fall and save rent." The building retains much of its original interior features on the second floor largely due to the fact that McMinn family descendants still own the building to this day.

6. Long's Drugstore

This circa 1900 two-story brick building has been extremely altered. Originally Davis-Walker Drug & Merchandise, it served as a drug store for much of its existence. The brick was covered with stucco in the late 1930s and more recently with vinyl siding. The earliest exterior alteration was to change the entry to a clipped corner.



7. Pickelsimer Building



This two-story brick building was constructed by J.H. & Charles Pickelsimer in 1922 and retains many of its original features, including inset brick panels and soldier course brickwork around the 2nd floor windows. In the 1940s, the Masonic Lodge Hall was located on the 2nd floor.

8. County Courthouse

Completed in 1881, the courthouse is an Italianate-Victorian style, two-story T-plan brick building with a three-story tower. Still owned by Transylvania County, it continues to operate as the county courthouse.

As early as 1911, there was talk of a town clock in the tower. Money was raised by showing moving picture shows at the courthouse. Admission was 5¢ and 10¢. Little is known of this undertaking, but the clocks were not installed until 1984.



9. Aethelwold Hotel

The building was originally built in 1901 by R.P. Kilpatrick as a three-story hotel with retail space on the main level.

For over 40 years, the old hotel had only two stories because the upper floor was removed for safety reasons in 1960. The third story was reconstructed and the original storefronts were restored in 2006.



10. Belk Building

Belk's Department Store was constructed in 1940 with an Art Deco facade. The one-story building has a high ceiling and originally had two separate mezzanine levels, one in the front and one in the back. The one-story building beside it was built around 1920 and was the home of Trantham's Department Store from 1939-1976. Belk's Department Store moved out of downtown Brevard in 1993.



11. Hollingsworth Building



Owned by Ann & Danny Hollingsworth, this 21,000 square foot building was constructed in 2003. In an interview, Ann recalled the decision to "put a copper roof on the turret so it would draw shoppers from downtown." Copper gutters and brick were chosen to match the historic downtown.

12. Jordan Street Townhomes

Constructed on a parking lot at the edge of downtown, these 10 townhomes diversify the housing stock in the center of the city.

The design of the attached homes blends traditional materials, like brick, with contemporary, and features a modern palette of darker colors.



16. Varner's Drug Store

This two-story brick building with two original storefront bays was built in the late 1920s and retains much of its original exterior, including the 2nd floor windows.

Varner's Drug Store moved into the south side in 1942 and soon expanded with a soda shop in the other portion of the building. It operated until 1993.



18. Transylvania Trust Building

Built by R.P. Kilpatrick in 1924, the yellow Flemish bond brick building with limestone details was designed by H.G. Stillwell. After Brevard Banking closed in 1930, the building continued to serve as a bank for Transylvania Trust, 1931-1957; First National Bank & Trust, 1957; First Union National Bank, 1958-2001; and Wachovia, 2001-2008.



13. First Baptist Church

Located at 94 South Gaston Street, this large structure is one of Brevard's architecturally distinctive churches. Common Baptist church design traits are visible, as well as a unique brick arcade.

The oldest parts of the structure date back to 1944. More recent renovations/additions have enclosed part of the arcade to create more interior space.



17. Lawrence Building



Constructed to government specifications in 1926 by real estate developer Robert Lawrence, the east side of the building is two stories and the west side is one-story. Western Union and the Brevard Post Office occupied the 1st floor with offices and an apartment upstairs. The Lawrence Building was the first home of Austin Photography Studio, located on the 2nd floor.



19. Co-ed Cinema

The 1939 two-story brick theater has a stucco Art Moderne stepped façade and was designed by H.G. Stillwell of Six Associates. The theater had 499 seats, in-direct colored lights, air conditioning and the latest in projection and sound equipment. From 1939-1959, Brevard had two theaters, side-by-side. The Clemson Theater operated from 1929-1956. The Clemson ticket booth was moved to the Co-Ed Cinema when the Clemson was demolished in the late 1990s.

14. B&B Feed and Seed

This building was the former site of B&B Feed and Seed, which relocated from their Main Street location in the early 1940s. The oldest parts of the building date back to 1925, which was followed by an expansion in 1947. The pitched roof was added later, possibly to address issues with water damage.

Multiple restaurants have since operated in the space.



15. Domokur Building

The site of a former gas station, Mike Domokur purchased this lot to construct a four-story building, adding 21,000 square feet of residential, office, and retail space to Downtown Brevard. Domokur Architects designed the building and relocated its offices to the second floor. The building was designed with an outdoor patio space that could serve as the foundation for a second infill building when the market demands additional space.

